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Via Electronic Filing
Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Proposed First Quarter 2002 Universal Service Contribution Factor, CC Docket No. 96-45; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service, North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms, CC Docket 98-171; Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing Speech Disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, CC Docket No. 90-571; Administration of the North American Numbering Plan and North American Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size, CC Docket No. 92-237, NSD File No. L-00-72; Number Resource Optimization, CC Docket No. 99-200; and Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116

Dear Ms. Salas,

In connection with the referenced proceedings, I today discussed with Commissioner Kevin J. Martin the importance of AT&T's request to utilize in the Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet a projection of first quarter 2002 revenue instead of revenue figures that are lagged by 6 months. I underscored the competitive distortions among interexchange carriers and the inequitable and disproportionate burden imposed on tens of millions of customers that result from the use of lagged revenues. In addition, I discussed the independent significance of a flat-rate assessment mechanism that would produce the benefits described in AT&T's written submissions. My comments during the discussion reflected the arguments set forth in written submissions in the referenced proceedings.

I have submitted one electronic copy of this Notice to the Secretary of the FCC in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

cc: Commissioner Martin